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AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

- Sub D1
1. (Amended) A process for producing an anti-oxidant in a medium which medium comprises a plant or part thereof, and which process comprises expressing in the plant or part thereof a recombinant enzyme which acts on a glucan substrate present in the medium and/or the component or part thereof, to yield said anti-oxidant.
 2. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the glucan comprises α -1,4 links.
 3. (Amended) The process according to claim 2, wherein the glucan is starch.
 4. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the enzyme is a glucan lyase.
 5. (Amended) The process according to claim 4, wherein the enzyme is an α -1,4-glucan lyase.
 6. (Amended) The process according to claim 5, wherein the enzyme is any one of the sequences shown as SEQ ID NOs 1-6, or a variant, homologue or fragment thereof.
 7. (Amended) The process according to claim 6, wherein the enzyme is any one of the sequences shown as SEQ ID NOs 1-6.
 8. (Amended) The process according to claim 4, wherein the enzyme is encoded by a nucleotide sequence comprising any one of the sequences shown as SEQ ID NOs 7-12, or a variant, homolog or fragment thereof.

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9. (Amended) The process according to claim 8, wherein the enzyme is encoded by a nucleotide sequence having any one of the sequences shown as SEQ ID NOs 7-12.

10. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the anti-oxidant is produced in the plant component, or part thereof, and is then released into the medium.

11. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the anti-oxidant is anhydrofructose.

12. (Amended) The process according to claim 11, wherein the anti-oxidant is 1,5-D-anhydrofructose.

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13. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the medium, is, or is used in the preparation of, a foodstuff.

14. (Amended) The process according to claim 13, wherein the foodstuff is a beverage.

15. (Amended) The process according to claim 14, wherein the beverage is an alcoholic beverage.

16. (Amended) The process according to claim 14, wherein the beverage is a wine.

17. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the plant is all or part of a grape.

18. (Amended) The process according to claim 17, wherein the plant is all or part of a grape.

19. (Amended) Method of imparting into a medium an anti-oxidant comprising the steps of adding into the medium at least one component which is a plant or part thereof, wherein the anti-oxidant is anhydrofructose, and wherein the anhydrofructose is prepared *in situ* in the medium.

20. (Amended) Method of imparting or improving stress tolerance in a plant, comprising administering anhydrofructose, wherein the anhydrofructose is prepared *in situ* in the plant.

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21. (Amended) Method of imparting or improving the transformation of a grape, comprising administering anhydrofructose, wherein the anhydrofructose is prepared *in situ* in the grape.

22. (Amended) Method of imparting or improving stress tolerance in a plant, comprising administering glucan lyase, wherein the glucan lyase is prepared *in situ* in the plant.

23. (Amended) Method of imparting or improving the transformation of a grape, comprising administering glucan lyase, wherein the glucan lyase is prepared *in situ* in the grape.

24. (Amended) Method of imparting or improving stress tolerance in a plant, comprising administering a nucleotide sequence coding for a glucan lyase, wherein the nucleotide sequence is expressed *in situ* in the plant.

25. (Amended) Method of imparting or improving the transformation of a grape, comprising administering a nucleotide sequence coding for a glucan lyase, wherein the nucleotide sequence is expressed *in situ* in the grape.